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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Members Present

Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Comm. Planning Group
Hickerson, Tom – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.
Houlihan, Maggie – City of Encinitas
Marquardt, Larry – Member-at-Large

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Roth, Brenda
Yaghmaee, Saman

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Campbell, Tom – City of Solana Beach
Hilliard, Carl – City of Del Mar
Zovanyi, Peter – Member-at-Large

Guests Present

Gallup, Tom – City of Encinitas
Gilligan, Matt – S.D. Med. Service Enterprise
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe F.P.D.
Muir, Chief Mark – Encinitas Fire
Olejnuk, Loree – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Tanner, John – Rancho Santa Fe F.P.D.
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Hickerson, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 6, 2008

Maggie Houlihan, City of Encinitas, expressed concern that corrections that are made to meeting minutes, that those corrections be made in the original set of minutes. Currently, any corrections are noted in the Approval of Minutes at the following meeting.

On page 3 of the Minutes of May 6, 2008, 3rd paragraph under Financial Report, should read that the projection is for an additional \$200,000 rather than \$600,000.

With the above-mentioned concerns noted, Ms. Houlihan made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2008, Seconded by Barbara Cerny. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

The CSA-17 budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 is expected to be finalized no later than the end of this month August, 2008). Total revenue is expected to be very close to the amount of \$2,459,594.

Since the date the handouts were printed (7/28/08), the expenditures have increased by \$12,509 to \$2,476.233 as of 8/05/08. This amount is expected to be very close to the final amount and will be lower than the budgeted amount of \$2,551,200 because encumbered expenditures for all mutual aid contracts (Cities of Carlsbad, San Diego, San Marcos, Escondido, Vista and Oceanside, etc.) were not included. Historically the total amount has not been spent because the number of services provided by mutual aid was very limited.

As of August 5, 2008, the total deficit for Fiscal Year 2007-08 amounts to \$16,639. Cash reserves fluctuate between \$1.8 million and \$2.1 million every month. The County Office of Auditor and Controller finalizes the figures by the end of August.

Revenue is projected at \$2,618,039 for Fiscal Year 2008-09, a growth of about 2.6% compared to the amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Expenditures are projected at \$2,645,076 for Fiscal Year 2008-09, a growth of about 3.7% compared to the amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

It was requested that figures for Fiscal Year 2008-09 be provided. **ACTION: Mr. Yaghamee agreed to provide those for the next Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2008. He added that he could also e-mail everyone a copy of the budget prior to the next meeting.**

B. Administrative Report (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)

Nick Macchione has replaced Jean Shepard as the Director of the County's Health and Human Services Agency as Ms. Shepard retired in June, 2008. Mr. Macchione has a lot of experience in Public Health and was most recently Regional Manager for the North Inland and North Coastal areas of HHSA.

A SONGS (San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station) annual radiation drill is currently taking place. The drill includes evacuating personnel from San Onofre to Carlsbad High School where people will be decontaminated. It is a graded drill by FEMA.

A state-wide earthquake drill is scheduled for November 13-14 and 17-18, 2008.

In regard to the request for additional items to be added to the CSA-17 Annual Report that was presented at the last CSA-17 Advisory Committee meeting, the County Public Health Office of Epidemiology will be assisting in formalizing some parts of that document. Ms. Pate asked that if anyone was interesting in assisting with this project, she would welcome two or three volunteers. Ms. Houlihan stated she would be happy to provide input and have someone sit down and talk about the decisions that have been made over the years by extracting those from committee minutes. Some items suggested at this meeting to be included in the Annual Report were the 4-S Ranch, the new First Responder EMS Coordinator position, the issue with the Carlsbad billing incident, the stationing of the 12 and 24 hour ambulances, a report from Dr. Haynes, the Strategic Plan that was developed several years ago and discussions with the County's Planning and Land Use Department regarding annexation of CSA-107 into CSA-17.

C. Paramedic Provider Report (Wayne Johnson, S.D. Medical Services Enterprise)

SDMSE has now entered into its first few months of operating with its MDC's (Mobile Data Computers) in place on the ambulances. The MDC's have some mapping and routing problems and those issues are being worked out with the JPA (Joint Powers Authority). Mapping issues have arisen due to new roads being added. There was a small issue with compliance in Rancho Santa Fe in May, 2008 where there was 87% uncorrected compliance for that month. This was corrected in June, 2008 to over 90% compliance.

There was also an issue with compliance in Del Mar and Del Mar Heights which was related to traffic at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Loralee Olejnik, SDMSE, has also been working with Project Heartbeat in addition to CSA-17 outreach and education. SDMSE recorded its 49th, 50th and 51st AED saves in July, 2008.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

An inservice was completed recently for all the paramedics in San Diego County and the new County protocols which took effect July 1, 2008. A couple of the biggest changes were adding a new respiratory device called CPAP (Continuous

Positive Air Pressure), a mask that helps people breathe more effectively, particularly people with asthma or emphysema. Education has also been added regarding the taser removal since it is being used more often these days by law enforcement as well as sedatives for use in patients to cope with behavioral issues in the community.

The Hospital Capacity Task Force is going to review its plan earlier this year. This is normally reviewed closer to the beginning of the flu season each autumn.

The Cardiac System is continuing to work well and meet expectations.

V. REVIEW OF S.D. GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS FORM

At the last CSA-17 Advisory Committee meeting, Peter Zovanyi, Member-at-Large, presented a form titled “San Diego Area General Acute Care Hospitals 2006” and asked for County staff to review it for this meeting of August 5, 2008. Mr. Zovanyi had expressed concern about scores from Scripps Encinitas Hospital.

Dr. Haynes stated that there are different groups that perform different types of grading and scoring efforts for hospitals. This group appears to be reviewing health care and health care reform from statistics from the Joint Commission (JCAHO). Scripps Encinitas shows scores at mid-range on some issues. Dr. Haynes also reviewed data from the Statewide Office of Health Planning and Development and in the area of survival rate with pneumonia, Scripps Encinitas had a better than average survival rate which not a lot of hospitals had. The hospital was also within the expected range of heart attack death rates. He also reviewed data from California Hospitals Compare, an organization funded by Blue Cross, and on this website, Scripps Encinitas did very well showing above average in a number of categories.

VI. UPDATE RE: ELFIN FOREST CSA-107 AND CSA-17

Dr. Haynes and Chief Frank Twohy, Elfin Forest, stated that they and others have met several times with the County’s Planning and Land Use Department and that those particular County staff have become more aware of this issue and other issues such as mutual aid, and possible annexation in that area in the future. Also, re-negotiating some issues such as lighting districts and fire services will need to be reviewed; however the project is delayed for approximately three years now.

VII. OVERVIEW OF CSA-17 COORDINATOR POSITION (Chief Mark Muir, Encinitas)

The position history, development, qualifications and job description follow:

- It is a requirement of the ambulance provider as stated in the Request for Proposal (RFP)
- This position is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, monitoring and evaluating all technical and administrative aspects of paramedic and other EMS activities, in compliance with State laws and regulations.
- The position reports to the CSA-17 Fire Chiefs.

- Must have a valid Class C driver's license and 5 years of experience in EMS or related field.
- Must be currently licensed as an EMT-P or RN in the State of California.
- Certifications of ACLS and PALS within 12 months of being hired.
- Represents CSA fire departments on local EMS committees and liaisons with San Diego County EMS Medical Director, CSA-17 fire departments, SDMSE management, local fire departments, community EMS agencies and others regarding EMS matters including Q.A. trends, educational needs and community medical needs.
- In compliance with San Diego County EMS policies and protocols, develop, coordinate, implement and monitor a CSA Q.A. program for each CSA agency.
- Should ride along with first responder personnel, follow-up on any communicable disease exposures for pre-hospital personnel, and assist with rehab of fire personnel.

The position is reimbursed up to \$119,510 by SDMSE. CSA-17 to reimburse City of Encinitas for other costs.

Mary Murphy, R.N., was introduced and has been appointed to this position. Ms. Murphy trained in Ireland and worked in London and has been an emergency room nurse for fifteen years.

Tom Gallup, Encinitas Fire, participated in a pilot project in the City of Encinitas to review whether or not benefit fees were being collected properly. From his review, there will be an increase of about \$10,000 a year. The review looked at multi-family units or greater of 356 units and it showed that some were not being assessed the benefit fee on the County tax rolls. A further review along with Brenda Roth, County EMS, is planned.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-17 Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS